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Title : Announcement by Speaker regarding decision of the chair w.r.t. constitution of inquiry Committee to probe into alleged improper conduct of some members in implementation of MPLAD Scheme.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as you are aware in the morning, I expressed my concern about a news-item on Star News telecast yesterday relating to five Members of the House, namely, Shri Alemao Churchil, Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, Shri Ramswaroop Koli, Shri Paras Nath Yadav and Shri Chandra Pratap Singh, allegedly indulging in improper conduct in the matter of implementation of MPLAD Scheme. I discussed the matter with the leaders of different political parties in Lok Sabha today, and decided to constitute an inquiry to probe the matter. I have requested the Members concerned not to attend the Session of the House until the matter is looked into and a decision is taken.

The statements/explanations given by the Members, which may be submitted on or before 2.1.2006, will be placed before the Inquiry Committee consisting of the following hon. Members, Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal-Chairman, Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra, Mohd. Salim, Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav, Shri C. Kuppusami, Shri Prasanna Acharya, and Shri Devendra Prasad Yadav.

The Committee is requested to give its report to the Speaker by 31st January, 2006. The Committee is authorised to follow its own procedure and a report will be presented before the House for its consideration.

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